

REMARKS

In view of the allowance of the parent application U.S. Serial No. 10/221,970, Applicants hereby offer preliminary amendments to the present application directed to non-elected subject matter of the parent application.

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-6 in favor of replacement Claims 7-15 to specify the non-elected subject matter of the parent application (including the exclusion of abamectin from component (b)), to correct certain informalities (including avoidance of multiple dependencies and avoidance of use claims), and to clarify the intended meaning of the claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are fully supported in the specification.

Applicants have amended the specification to change the title to correspond to the English version of the title appearing on the International Application, to capitalize all letters in the title, and to insert a statement of priority. Applicants submit that these amendments serve only to clarify their application and do not alter the scope of their disclosure.

Applicants have amended the Abstract to change the title for the reasons discussed above and to change the heading and body to a more customary form. A copy of the new Abstract is separately attached.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Active compound combinations having insecticidal and acaricidal properties

A b s t r a c t

The novel active compound combinations of certain cyclic ketoenols and the active compounds (1) to (29) listed in the description have very good insecticidal and acaricidal properties.